

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS: U.S.-Iran Dialogue1985

Spring: Michael Ledeen suggested to the NSC that Israeli contacts may be useful in obtaining release of the U.S. hostages in Lebanon. Ghorbanifar was introduced to Ledeen and the NSC as an Iranian intermediary.

Feb 14: Jeremy Levin escaped.

Jun 14: TWA-847 hijacking. Iranian government officials, contacted by Israelis and Ghorbanifar, help in obtaining the release of four Americans held separately from the rest of the hijacked passengers. Last known instance of Iranian influenced group perpetrating terrorism against U.S. nationals.

Jun : Draft NSDD on Iran circulated to principals.

Jul 03: David Kimche met with Bud McFarlane in Washington.

Aug 02: David Kimche met with Bud McFarlane in Washington.

Late Aug: David Kimche met with Bud McFarlane in Washington.

→ Aug 30: 508 TOW missiles delivered to Iran from Israel.

Sep 01: [REDACTED]

→ Sep 14: Reverend Benjamin Weir released.

Oct 04: Islamic Jihad claimed it murdered U.S. hostage William Buckley in retaliation for Israeli raids in Tunis.

Nov 17-18: Separate meetings in London with Ghorbanifar and Waite.

Nov 25: Israel delivered 18 HAWK missiles to Iran [REDACTED]

Dec 06-08: Meeting in London with McFarlane and Ghorbanifar.

Dec 07: Meeting of President with Regan, Shultz, Weinberger, McFarlane Poindexter, and Gates, and Poindexter at the White House. *McMahon*

Dec 20: Hostage Location Task Force (HLTF) formed at CIA.

Dec 22: Ghorbanifar to U.S. for talks with U.S. officials.

Dec 23: Nir became primary Israeli POC.

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Jan 02: Nir meets in U.S. with Poindexter.

Jan 07: President meets with VP Bush, Regan, Shultz, Weinberger, Meese, Casey, and Poindexter.

Jan 17: Presidential Finding on Iran.

Feb 05-07: Meetings in Geneva with Nir and Ghorbanifar (CIA and NSC).

→ Feb 14: U.S. delivers 1,000 TOWs to Israel.

Feb 19-21: Meetings in London and Frankfurt (Ghorbanifar and Kangarlu).

→ Feb 20-21: 1,000 TOWs delivered to Tehran from Israel.

Feb 24: CIA and NSC officials met with Israeli and Iranian officials in Frankfurt.

Late Feb: 18 HAWK missiles returned to Israel.

Mar 07: CIA and NSC officials met with Israeli and Iranian officials in Paris.

Apr 17: U.S. hostage Peter Kilburn murdered in retaliation for U.S. raid on Libya.

Apr 22: Ghorbanifar arrested in Switzerland for indebtedness apparently related to the FBI sting of arms sales to Iran by private citizens from the U.S., Germany, and Israel.

May 06-07: U.S. and Israeli officials met with Iranian officials in London.

May 09: Planning meeting at CIA (DDO and NSC personnel).

May 15: Terms of Reference (TOR) approved for establishing a strategic dialogue with and trip to Iran. U.S. objectives:

- Establish a correct relationship with Iran.
- End Iran-Iraq war.
- Return U.S. hostages.

May 22-28: Meetings in London [redacted] Cyprus [redacted] and Tel Aviv (Nir and Rabin).

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→ May 22: U.S. delivers 508 TOWs to Israel (replacements).
May 24: [REDACTED]
→ May 25-28: McFarlane party to Tehran. Some of the 240 HAWK missile parts accompany the party.
Jun 10: Rafsanjani news conference containing possible "signal" that Iran wanted improved relations with the U.S.
Jun 30-Jul 02: Ghorbanifar in U.S. for discussions with CIA and NSC.
Jul 26-28: Meetings in Frankfurt (Ghorbanifar, Nir, NSC, and CIA).
→ Jul 26: Father Jenco released.
→ Aug 03: Remainder of 240 HAWK missile parts delivered to Tehran.
Aug 06: Frankfurt meetings.
Aug 10: Initial contacts with [REDACTED] in Madrid and London.
Sep 19-20: Discussions in Washington with new Iranian intermediary (NSC and CIA).
Sep 22-23: Meetings in London (CIA, NSC with Nir).
Oct 03: White House approves provision of intelligence to Iran [REDACTED]
Oct 05-07: Frankfurt meetings (CIA, NSC, [REDACTED])
Oct 26-28: Frankfurt (Mainz) meetings of U.S. and Iranian representatives (CIA, NSC, Israeli rep [Nir], and [REDACTED])
→ Oct 29: 500 TOW missiles delivered to Iran from Israel.
→ Nov 02: David Jacobsen released.
Nov 05-07: Meetings in Geneva with [REDACTED] (NSC and CIA).
→ Nov 07: 500 TOW missiles delivered to Israel (replacements).

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